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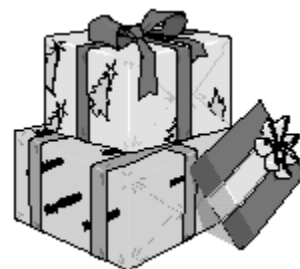
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# Happy Holidays...

...”for sometimes the wind blows just right, a flower smells just so, or the trees whisper ever so softly, and you remember times that were special, sacred, and altogether unforgettable.”

—Simon Nemo



## From the Director's Chair

How is everyone out there? Have you recovered from Thanksgiving yet? Do you have your Christmas tree up already? Have you finished your last final? Is your Christmas shopping done? Well we're here to give you a break. Just sit back for a second, relax, and enjoy some memories from camp as you read our newsletter.



We had a great summer this year – fun, safe, amazing campers, outstanding staff, new challenges, lots of new friends, – and took some big steps towards implementing our long term vision of CSC. Now, we all have a lot of fun at camp and that is hard to give up. But it is more than that. At camp we are constantly surrounded by good people, adults and children from all over the country and around the world, who make us better people just by being around them. And that is very hard to leave. It is one of our primary goals for CSC – that it continue to be a place that allows and encourages us to be our best – at camp, and in life. We can't wait for it to begin again.

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the departing Gray Berryman who has brought out the best in us for the last two years. We could not have done it without you Gray and we wish you well in all that you do.... as long as it involves an occasional visit to camp. Happy Holidays to all!

- Clay and Tavia -

## CSC Scholarship Fund

We would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the CSC scholarship fund this year. Your generous contributions allow a handful of campers every summer to attend CSC and experience the benefits of being a part of a community devoted to each individual's personal growth and development. Each summer you provide the campers, who otherwise would not have the chance, the opportunity to come to Colorado to be a part of our unique outdoor experience. Thanks again. You brighten the lives of all of our campers.



Simple words are all that are needed  
Love, spirit, happiness, joy come to mind.  
The caring it takes and the reward it brings  
Makes money seem like kindling for a fire of destitution.

Smiles brought to faces that were stone four weeks ago  
Tears from eyes that have never cried in front of an audience  
If "home is where the heart is"  
Then CSC is a place to set your bags down.  
Memories last and my mind is reeling  
Be in the now  
Bask in the glow.

—Seamus Nemo

## Gray's Cafe

It may have been the laughter at the limbo contest during the dances or it may have been the songs groups would sing coming back from their trips. Maybe it was the campers having fun goofing around during announcements at meals or it could have been a smile from a counselor letting everyone know that they are having fun helping people they love.



These are just a few of the memories that make it hard to let go of this past summer thanks to an exceptional group of counselors and staff. Summer 2000 will stand out for many years to come in the hearts of everyone who was a part of it.

That makes it even more difficult for me to say goodbye for a while. This year I am trading my desk at the CSC office for a backpack so that I can help troubled teens in Utah and travel.

I am excited that camp will be in good hands next year with Clay, Tavia, Jim, Kit, Amie and Andrew Notbohm (an introduction to follow), my good friend and the new program director.

Thank you to all of the campers, staff, families and friends who have made the last five summers in the Red Creek Valley so special. You have changed my life.

—Gray



## Early Bird Special

Receive a 5% discount when any camper enrolls and pays full tuition by January 1, 2001! Our enrollment so far is the highest it has been in years. Don't wait, reserve your camper a spot today.





## Remembering Summer '00

The first summer of the millennium is one that will go down in history. The friendships made, the creativity, the fun and the excitement were above and beyond. This fantastic summer came courtesy of an incredible staff led by an outstanding group of return staff as coordinators. We devote ourselves to providing our campers with the most memorable summer possible, filled not only with smiles and laughter, but with new experiences, mental and physical, that facilitate personal growth and maturity. Whether completing a 30-mile backpack, playing a traditional game of capture the flag, or having a cookout, we strive to surround our campers and staff with an atmosphere of comfort and personal attention.

Highlights the summer always include the fantastic all-camp special days thanks to our coordinators, and the creative energy of the staff. The Capture-the-Flag Special Day was filled with face painting and strategizing as our campers navigated terrain in search of the other team's flag. Being caught meant time spent in either the flat bed or ACBV jail. In the end everybody one as the the games and festivities ended amicably with an all camp cookout at the Spruce Tee Pee filled with songs as we waited for our turn to eat. "Homecoming at CSC High" started off full of laughter as the coordinators dressed up as cheerleaders. Yes, even Will and Drew were in pinstripe shorts and sports bras. The day continued with camp vans being decorated as floats and ended with a parade through the art barn field with Kit and Cassidy as Homecoming King and Queen. The Spice Girls (coordinators dressed up again) made an appearance at camp one afternoon to kick off our "Rock of the Ages" day, where campers and staff were on stage at the tennis courts lip-syncing to tunes from the 70's, 80's and 90's, while the audience sang along and danced with joy. And summer finished out well as campers traveled from station to station around camp in the ongoing "Quest for the Holy Grail". Stations included water balloon grenades, the "gauntlet", and making your own armor of tin foil. All this for a green water bottle.

Our tripping program this summer was filled with new adventures. Outpost, Spruce and Saddle tested out some new trips in the Silverton area along the Continental Divide, and through Boulder Gulch. Homestead saw some wild horses down in New Mexico's Wildhorse Canyon. Pathfinders hiked from a mountaintop in Utah down into the canyon lands, and Spruce and Saddle explored the Blue Mountains of Utah and the San Pedro Parks area of New Mexico. These new trips combined with some classics such as Highland Mary Lakes, the McPhee Canoe trip, and Arch Canyon provided everyone with plenty of fun adventures to choose from.

In camp activities were in abundance as well. Skeet was definitely an Outpost favorite along with painting murals, doing trail maintenance around camp, and flat bed dance partying. Homestead kept busy with their rubber sports, lake activities, traveling tea parties, hoe downs, and movie making, while Saddle girls decorated duke animals, learned martial arts, painted and shot off rockets, and rode horses. Spruce had gladiator day complete with a greased raft, spent endless hours on the climbing wall, made chicken obstacle courses, and played sand volleyball "Top Gun" style. And, as always, there was plenty of mountain biking, mud activities, field games, initiatives, tie dying, singing, and skits.

Thanks to everyone, especially support staff, who helped to make these summer activities fun and exciting for everyone!

## Our Amazing Staff

We would like to give a special thanks to all of our staff, who provided our campers with such an incredible summer by keeping the creativity, energy and enthusiasm high the entire 8 weeks of camp. Homestead wouldn't have been the same without Coordina-



tor Janna Kruchten, and the Homestead staff; Rob Wallace, Jim Shields, Bailey Jones, Mark Kudrav, Kelly Grimes, Jill Jacobson, Liz Tainter, and Lindsay James. Silver Saddle was headed up by long time camper Megan Weidman as Coordinator who guided a fantastic staff of Carrie Fox, Rachel Zimmer, Mari Yandall, Kimberly Knowland, Angie Okos, Sam Erlich, Cara Kropp, and Lindsay Weidmann. Return staff member Will Channel coordinated Spruce with a large, yet outstanding staff consisting of Andy Weidmann, Mike Brinkmeier, Michael Gustafson, Greg Rickel, Brendan Hayes, Luis Avila, Matt Payne, Matt Stoffel, Mack Farquhar, and Andy Gersh. Outpost coordinator Andrew Notbohm, and his staff Jen Jones, Jenn Martin, Mary Chris Moore, Nate Dworkin, and Shane Whitener showed the Outpost campers the good life hanging out on their porch and creating their own community down at the end of the valley. And Pathfinding coordinators, Allison Graves, Abby Rabinowitz, Ian Wallace, Jason Williams, and Clive Briggs lead this summer's Pathfinders on some amazing excursions in new areas of Colorado and Utah. And, of course, our support staff, without whom, trips, arts & crafts, riding, climbing, having the "youngin's looked after, staying healthy, and eating well would not be possible. So, a great big thank you to Aaron "Eagle" Deutsch and Becca Freedman for packing up our trips with food and equipment, Matt "Art Barn" Baxter for providing guidance and instruction in all sorts of activities, Matt Webb and BJ Morgan for showing us all how to ride and care for horses, "Naturita" Dave Ellis who showed everyone the ropes on our climbing wall and on our climbing trips, Rebecca DeFee who kept the cooks kids busy throughout the day, Zane Hallock and Andrew Polster, our Assistant Party Director's who did lots of dishes, thistle picking, and camp clean up, Sharon Redman, our "Witch Doctor" who cared for campers and staff, and Nancy Hushek and Cindy Murphy, our fantastic cooks who were honored with a record number of cooks parades this summer. Our support staff do more than their specialty area, they are always available around camp to help out in whatever area's needed, and provide a little extra energy and devotion to the program. Thanks again to all of you. You truly made this summer remarkable.

### Hen's Out!

Hey there everyone. Just wanted to check in with all of you who were so kind to me this summer and played with me and allowed me to view and explore CSC with a clear view through the chicken pack. I truly enjoyed getting out and getting some exercise and meeting more of you than I usually do. Riding in the backpack was a blast. My fellow feathered friends were definitely jealous of me. It's pretty lonely around here these days though. We don't have that much to do; the excitement of our days now consists of flocking exuberantly to whoever decides to come feed us and pray that they bring us fresh vegetable scraps. I certainly miss those warm summer days listening to campers singing "Chickie, Chickie". I love that song. As winter approaches, our coop is getting pretty cold. Even though Amie and Kit cleaned out our home and provided us with fresh hay and fluffed up our pillows a bit, laying eggs is hard in this weather. So do me a favor and go easy on the egg nog this season. Thanks everyone. Happy holidays. Can't wait to see you all again next summer...



Betty (the chicken)

## Our Award Winning Chef...

The Chef's Association of Greater Phoenix recently honored Nancy Hushek as the Educator of the Year. She was recognized for her dedication to the education of culinary professionals. Nancy has taught foods and gourmet cooking at North Canyon High School for five years and was previously a pastry chef. In the past, she was the first female to be honored as the Phoenix Chapter Chef of the Year. Many of her students have continued their education in advanced culinary programs and are now chefs. She has two gourmet cooking classes, and they prepare meals for the staff.

Principal Jon Walk stated that Nancy has a great program for North Canyon students. He added that her husband is also a chef, and the staff has been fortunate to sample culinary delights from both Husheks. (from Tally Sheet, Vol.8, No. 4)

## COFFEE TALK WITH AMIE

I thought returning to office life after camp was difficult, but that's nothing compared to after weeks of vacation. Yep, I just returned from an incredible month of visiting family and friends back east, a couple of camp conferences and then a pot luck Thanksgiving and friend's wedding in Moab. Now settling back into my chair staring at the computer and doing paperwork doesn't seem like much fun. Luckily, it's not all internet ads and hiring packets. I also get to start looking through our endless rolls of pictures and reminisce about the amazing summer that came and went so quickly, as I begin to pull pictures for our 2001 slideshow!

For those of you who haven't met me yet, my name is Amie Podolsky, previous camper and counselor at CSC. I've been back here since last December working closely with Gray as one of the Program Directors. After almost a year, it's still hard for me to believe that I actually live here year-round! Ever since my first summer here at age 11 I said to myself, "One day I'll live in Durango". It's like a dream come true. And how did it all happen? Well, I graduated from Ithaca College in '98 with a B.S in Psychology and after a month-long cross country adventure with a dear friend, I ended up in Southern California working at an outdoor science school with another CSC alumni (Drizzt Cook). Small world. I spent a year and a half out there, first teaching the sixth graders who attended, then actively involved in their three week summer camp program and then as one of the administrators. At the end of that summer, I had some free time to work and play, and immediately thought of CSC. I got in touch with Clay, and although it didn't work out then, we kept in touch and the rest is history. My commitment in California ended last December, I packed up my belongings, and headed back to Durango. Although I do miss the sunny days of working with kids in southern California, it's great to be back and experiencing the magic of this valley once again.



I know it's been a while since camp ended, but it wouldn't be right of me not to acknowledge how truly amazing this summer was. After a busy winter and spring, traveling with the slideshow 2000, hiring our wonderful staff, and planning new trips, I couldn't have asked for a better summer. All of the off-season work truly paid off and every day was a joy to participate in. Our counselors were outstanding, and the campers were full of fun. The energy here was absolutely tremendous, smiles on the campers faces were uplifting, and reports from trips were full of excitement.

Lately, I've been working hard trying to get last summer's staff back here again next summer, and looking forward to seeing some of them for a New Year's celebration. I know it's crazy, but next summer actually doesn't seem too far off when I think of all the prep work we have to do. I am looking forward to the arrival of Andrew in the office, although I must say, it isn't the same without Gray. His energy and enthusiasm, practical jokes and quick comments are certainly missed. Aloha good buddy, safe travels and happy trails.

Keep smiling everyone -Amie Podolsky

## Our Office Manager...

Greetings from the Camp Office! For those of you who haven't met me yet, either in person or over the phone, I'm the office manager who fields all of your calls, sends out the summer newsletters and camp forms and sends you your statements when camp is all over.



After a summer as a Silver Saddle counselor in 1999, I joined the year-round CSC force in January and have enjoyed learning the ins and outs of camp administration. Believe me, there is plenty to do during the off-season!

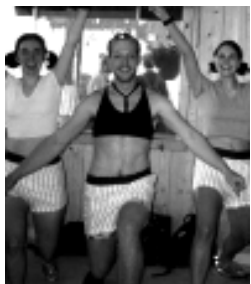
I headed out to Durango after graduating in May '99 from St. Norbert College in De Pere, WI with an International Business degree. I was looking for something that wouldn't get me stuck in a room of never ending cubicles, and what a place to be. I may be behind a desk now, but I wouldn't trade the view for anything - except maybe the view from a mountain peak or a desert canyon. I love living under these 'Colorado Stars.'

As we clean up from a spectacular summer and prepare for another, I am flooded with memories and anxious to make millions more! After seeing alumni from the past 30 years sharing their memories at the reunion this summer, I am grateful to be a part of this community.

Peace and joy throughout the winter! Talk to you soon.  
—Kit Klepinger

## Welcome Aboard Andrew!

We would like to give a big year round welcome to three year staff member Andrew Notbohm who will be returning to the Red Creek Valley this January as Program Director. Andrew began here as a head counselor in Outpost in '98. He continued the following summer as Path-finding Coordinator and returned yet again last summer to be the man in charge down in Outpost. Andrew's hobbies include playing euchre (a card game), strumming guitar, and promoting the great state of Wisconsin. His in-camp energy and creativity, and his experience out on the trail are sure to be a positive addition to our camp family.



Andrew is currently finishing up his final semester as a Geography major at the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is excited to graduate and head west to the wonderful world of CSC and Durango. Andrew is eagerly anticipating his new administrative role at the camp he has put so much time and energy into and we certainly look forward to the enthusiasm, music, ideas, and smiles that Andrew will bring to CSC. Welcome aboard!

## 30 Years in the valley

CSC's 30<sup>th</sup> year anniversary summer reunion was a big hit! It was great for everyone to see familiar faces, years later and catch up on old times. Alumni came from as far away as Alaska and brought their whole families along to experience the magic of the valley. Young and old were here to play as people kept busy with a multitude of free choices and all day excursions to choose from. Highlights included hiking up Engineer Mountain, horseback riding, day hikes to Balls Falls and Heartbreak Hotel, creek sloshing, numerous arts & crafts in the Art Barn, some target sports, and, of course, some classic "monkey bridge" fights. The festivities continued with vespers, a cook-out, and a campfire filled with skits and songs lasting well into the night. When there was a free moment, looking through old camp photo albums provided some great laughs.

We want to thank everyone for coming back to CSC. Your return clearly states the importance that it had in your life and that is one of the strongest verifications of what we are doing here. Many of you expressed how impressed you were with our summer staff that remained to lead activities for the reunion. They were equally impressed with the quality of people that were here. Thanks to them and you for a great weekend. See you in 2005!

Please contact the office if you would like an address list of those who attended the reunion.

## Slideshow Reunion 2001...

As the air turns cold and the forecast calls for snow, we are beginning to plan our annual slideshow tour. Beginning in January and continuing through March, Clay and Tavia, as well as Amie or Andrew, will pack up the Expedition and head out, excited to visit camp families across the country and promote the CSC experience. Our slideshow is a wonderful opportunity to build our camp community by bringing campers and their families, staff, alumni, and our administration together to share camp experiences and pictures with each other and our new families and friends that are there to learn more about our program. All of last year's summers will be on screen and with all of the film we have to choose from, this is sure to be one of the best slideshows in history.

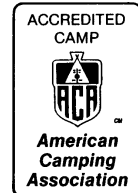
This year's schedule is set, but if you are interested in hosting a slideshow, we may be able to squeeze in a couple more stops. Please call the office and let us know as soon as possible. Also, if you know of any families who may be interested in our program, please let us know so that we may invite them to a slideshow in their area. Thanks for all your help.



**ILuvCamp**... If you didn't get to see the pictures on the website from this summer, they are still there plus a few more. Campers, don't forget that you can see them and email all your friends by signing up for CamPals. Call the office for help setting up your account. We've been working hard with ILuvCamp to improve our interactive site and we'll have even more for you next summer. More later.



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## Summer 2001 Dates

Saddle, Spruce, Outpost, Pathfinding

1<sup>st</sup> session: June 11 – July 7

2<sup>nd</sup> session: July 12 – August 8

### Homestead

1<sup>st</sup> session: June 11 – June 23

2<sup>nd</sup> session: June 25 – July 7

3<sup>rd</sup> session: July 12 – July 24

4<sup>th</sup> session: July 26 – August 8

## Fun With Words

Here's a game I sometimes play when I feel like taking a break from work. I have a running list at my desk...

How many words (three or more letters) can you find in our name?\*

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Here are some to start you off...

Car, Cop, Cover, Lamp, Local, Grease, Glove

\*Anyone who comes up with a list of 82 or more words (the length of my list) and emails it to me, could receive a corony in the mail!

## Spice Up Your Wardrobe!

Good news for all of you who are looking to beef up your wardrobe and bring some style into your lives. The CSC camp store is having a clearance sale. That's right! We have a lot of CSC sweats, T-shirts and boxers in radiant colors and various sizes that we'd like you to have. This one time offer will save you money! Right now, you may buy these for half price. We'll sell 'em 'til they're gone. All you need to do is call our office, let us know what you'd like, and we'll get it to you as soon as possible. We have a variety of styles, colors and sizes ranging from children's small to adult extra large. Colors vary but include; red, royal, black, navy, and white. Prices are as follows:

Sweatshirt: \$9.00

T-shirts: \$4.50

Sweatpants: \$9.00

Boxers: \$4.00

## Summer Evaluations

Thanks to everyone who has already filled out and returned their summer 2000 evaluations. These evaluations are sent out every summer to help us continue to improve our program. Each evaluation is read carefully and your thoughts and responses are truly appreciated.



If you haven't sent your evaluation in yet, it's not too late. If you need another copy of the form, just contact the office. These evaluations are important to our program. If you would prefer to voice your thoughts in person, please do not hesitate to give us a call. Again, thank you for your time in filling out these forms and helping us to make future summers brighter for our campers and staff.

"When you find a place  
any place that puts love first  
your dreams come true."

—Seamus Nemo

## The Invitation

*It doesn't interest me what you do for a living*

*I want to know what you ache for, and if you dare to dream of meeting your heart's longing*

*It doesn't interest me how old you are. I want to know if you will risk looking like a fool for love, for your dream, for the adventure of being alive.*

*It doesn't interest me what planets are squaring your moon. I want to know if you have touched the center of your own sorrow, if you have been opened by life's betrayals or have become shriveled and closed from fear of further pain. I want to know if you can sit with pain, mine or your own, without moving to hide it or fix it.*

*I want to know if you can be with joy, mine or your own, if you can dance with wildness and let the ecstasy fill you to the tips of your fingers and toes without cautioning us to be careful, to be realistic, to remember the limitations of being human.*

*It doesn't interest me if the story you are telling me is true. I want to know if you can disappoint another to be true to yourself; if you can bear the accusation of betrayal and not betray your own soul; if you can be faithless and therefore trustworthy.*

*I want to know if you can see beauty, even when it's not pretty, every day, and if you can source your own life from its presence.*

*I want to know if you can live with failure, yours and mine, and still stand on the edge of the lake and shout to the silver of the full moon, "Yes!"*

*It doesn't interest me to know where you live or how much money you have. I want to know if you can get up, after the night of grief and despair, weary and bruised to the bone, and do what needs to be done to feed the children.*

*It doesn't interest me who you know or how you came to be here. I want to know if you will stand in the center of the fire with me and not shrink back.*

*It doesn't interest me where or what or with whom you have studied. I want to know what sustains you, from the inside, when all else falls away.*

*I want to know if you can be alone with yourself and if you truly like the company you keep in the empty moments.*

—Oriah Mountain Dreamer